Today in Mississippi we are working hard to nurture innovative partnerships that create new opportunities for our workers and businesses to prosper. Under this approach to economic development more people are working than at any time in our state's history and personal income is up nearly 20 percent.

These are signs not only of stability but also of growth, which is not surprising because Mississippi is home to an array of companies whose products and services come from every sector of the economy. We have been particularly successful in growing the vital aerospace sector, where our workers produce components and services for civilian and military applications. I am also proud that from energy, automotive and steel operations, to the most advanced technological manufacturing, to the services sector, Mississippi's skilled workforce is getting the job done for some of the world's most outstanding companies.

From the earliest days of my administration building a vibrant, diversified economy with higher-paying, higher-skilled jobs has been our primary goal, and we're moving forward together.

Call on Mississippi to meet your company's needs. We'll show you how profitable an investment in Mississippi can be.

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